

## **Hurricane Harvey Response 2017 - Community Liaison (CL) Report**

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SUBJECT: Hurricane Harvey Response 2017

COUNTY: Jasper and Newton Counties

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### **SUMMARY:**

Today the team traveled to Hemphill, Texas in Sabine County to check in with the FEMA team registering residents for individual assistance in cooperation with the county emergency operations manager Kerwin Lloyd. The Sabine County Disaster Survivor Assistance team was not working at the center as we were lead to believe by the Jasper, Texas, FEMA contingent. We observed very little flooding in the county with only areas adjacent to the Naches and Sabine rivers showing signs of flooding in mostly timber-covered areas.

We will continue to check with FEMA to determine when the Jasper Disaster Recovery open at the Jasper County Courthouse Annex so we be able to coordinate what we will be doing going forward. The team is ready to staff it with brochures and flyers already available.

### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

The Health Department still would like any information regarding aerobic treatment systems. They have questions regarding how to decontaminate systems that failed during the storm and flooding. Does EPA or TCEQ have documents explaining how to get the aerobic systems up and running properly?

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

- Debris is still piled along the streets and roads throughout both counties. We have not heard confirmation on whether a contract has been let by the counties to pick up debris. It also does not appear that debris is being segregated from building and construction debris.
- Roads, bridges and infrastructure continues to be a concern in both counties with many of the roads that are normally used for school bus routes in need of drastic repair after being washed out by extensive flooding.

As always, thanks for listening and your possible attention to these issues.

David, Jim, Jeremy and Devin